Claims

1. A closeable communication device for at least receiving an incoming call, the closeable communication device comprising:

a housing movable between a closed position and an opened position; and

5   a controller disposed in the housing, the controller to detect the incoming call and to selectively disable answering of the incoming call when the housing is moved from the closed position to the opened position.

2. A closeable communication device according to claim 1

further comprising an output device carried on the housing and coupled to the controller, at least a portion of the output device hidden in the closed position; and

5   wherein the controller drives the output device to display information associated with the incoming call for viewing in the opened position.

3. A closeable communication device according to claim 2 wherein the information is caller identification information.

4. A closeable communication device according to claim 1

further comprising an input device carried on the housing and coupled to the controller, the input device accessible in the opened and closed positions; and

5   wherein the controller answers the call upon actuation of the input device.

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5. A closeable communication device according to claim 1 further comprising a memory coupled to the controller, the memory to store a user selectable feature, the user selectable feature defining one of answering an incoming call when moving the housing from the closed

5   position to the opened position and not answering an incoming call when moving the housing from the closed position to the opened position.

6. A closeable communication device according to claim 5 further comprising an input device carried on the housing and coupled to the controller; and

wherein the user selectable feature is settable via actuation of the

5   input device.

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7. A closeable communication device according to claim 1 further comprising an input device carried on the housing and coupled to the controller; and

wherein the input device is actuatable to select one of answering

5   the incoming call when moving the housing from the closed position to the opened position and not answering the incoming call when moving the housing from the closed position to the opened position.

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8. A closeable communication device for at least receiving an incoming call, the closeable communication device comprising:

a housing movable between a closed position and an opened position;

5   a switch disposed in the housing, the switch to indicate movement from the closed position to the opened position;

a display carried on the housing, the display hidden in the closed position and viewable in the opened position;

a memory disposed in the housing, the memory to store an open

10   to answer feature having one of an on setting and an off setting; and

a controller disposed in the housing and coupled to the switch, the display, and the memory, the controller, responsive to the switch, to answer the incoming call upon movement of the housing from the closed position to the opened position when the open to answer

15   feature has the on setting and, alternatively, to disable answering of the incoming call upon movement of the housing from the closed position to the opened position when the open to answer feature has the off setting.

9. A method of operating a closeable communication device having an opened position and a closed position, the method comprising the steps of:

selectively disabling answering of an incoming call to the

5   closeable communication device; and

detecting movement of the closeable communication device from the closed position to the opened position.

10. A method according to claim 9 further comprising the steps of:

retrieving caller identification information from the incoming call; and

controlling an output device of the closeable communication
5   device to display the caller identification information.

11. A method according to claim 9 further comprising the steps of:

detecting, responsive to selectively disabling, actuation of an input device of the closeable communication device; and

answering the incoming call.

12. A method according to claim 9 further comprising the steps of:

accessing an open to answer feature stored in a memory of the closeable communication device;

setting the open to answer feature to one of a first setting and a
5   second setting, the first setting to enable answering of the incoming call by moving the closeable communication device from the closed position to the opened position, and the second setting to disable answering of the incoming call by moving the closeable communication device from the closed position to the opened
10 position.

13. A method according to claim 9 further comprising the steps of:

detecting actuation of an input device of the closeable communication device; and

selecting one of answering of the incoming call when moving
5   the closeable communication device from the closed position to the opened position and not answering the incoming call when moving the closeable communication device from the closed position to the opened position.

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